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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF DEMAND REDUCTION EXPERTS

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT GOP OFFICIALS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN VENEZUELA, AND AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, PERUVIAN PARTICIPATION AT SUCH A CONFERENCE WOULD SERVE TO ENCOURAGE THE GOP IN ITS ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS. GOP BUDGETARY DIFFICULTIES

CONTINUE AND IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ASSIST GOP OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

2. EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOUR INDIVIDUALS WHO MIGHT BE INCLUDED AS PARTICIPANTS.

A) DR. ROGER BARRANTES CAMPOS, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF NARCOTICS OF THE

PHARMACEUTICAL DIVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. THIS IS THE OFFICE

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WHICH CONTROLS THE LEGAL LICENSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS

WITHIN THE COUNTRY AS WELL AS FOR EXPORT. WHILE THIS OFFICE'S MAIN JURISDICTION COVERS PHARMACIES AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, DR. BARRANTES HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH RELATED MATTERS OUTSIDE HIS SPECIFIC FIELD; HE IS PART OF A GOP MULTI-SECTORIAL COMMISSION EXAMING PERUVIAN ANTI-DRUG LAWS, A GROUP WHICH MET WITH NIDA'S DR. DUPONT DURING HIS RECENT VISIT HERE. B) MR. MIGUEL PICASSO, CHIEF OF THE OFFICE OF BASIC EDUCATION OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION THIS OFFICE HANDLES COORDINATION OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. IT ALSO ACTS AS A TROUBLESHOOTER WITH ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS, INCLUDING DRUG USE BY SCHOOL CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS. C) DR. CARLOS ALBERTO SEGUIN, PSYCHIATRIST, WORKING FOR A GOVERNMENT WORKERS' HOSPITAL AS WELL AS PRACTICING IN VARIOUS PRIVATE CLINICS. HE SPECIALIZES IN THE USE OF PSYCHIATRY IN THE TREATMENT OF DRUG ADDICTS. D) AN OFFICER OF THE PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIONS POLICE'S (PIP) DIVISION OF INVESTIGATIONS OF NARCOTICS AND ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC (DINTID).

3. THE GOP DOES NOT HAVE A SINGLE OFFICE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION OF DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS. WORK IN THIS FIELD IS FRAGMENTED

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THE PIP HAS ITS DIVISION DIRECTED TO INTERDICTION (DINTID) AND WITHIN THIS DIVISION THERE IS A SUBSECTION DEVOTED TO DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION. HOWEVER, THE EMPHASIS OF THE DINTID IS ON POLICE ENFORCEMENT. TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF ADDICTS IS MOSTLY CONFINED TO PRIVATE CLINICS. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE CIRCLES ARE BEGINING TO PERCEIVE AN ABUSE PROBLEM, BUT THIS HAS NOT DEVELOPED TO THE POINT WHERE THE GOP HAS DEVOTED ANY OF ITS CARCE FINANCIAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISHING A NEW OFFICE.

4. WE WILL BE INTERESTED IN THE RESULTS OF THE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS WITH THE VENEZUELAN DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION AND IN THE PROGRESS OF THE GOV ON THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE.
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